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The box of the high-frequency circuit element is formed of a conductor material and includes, as shown in Fig. 8, a box frame 82(also see Fig. 7) and a box bottom 83(also see Fig. 7). A substrate 85(see Fig. 7) is fixed to the box bottom 83 with, for example, conductive adhesives so that the box is electrically connected to the ground plane 88.

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On the side face of the box frame 82, input/output terminals 84a, 84b(also see Fig. 7) having a coaxial connector are placed. Inner conductors of the input/output terminals 84a, 84b are electrically connected to the input/output lines 87a, 87b and outer conductors of the input/output terminals 84a, 84b are electrically connected to the box, respectively.

Figs 9 and 10 respectively show another example of a conventional high-frequency circuit element using a strip conductor pattern. Also in Fig. 97, a box lid 81 shown in Fig. 10 is omitted so that the internal structure of the box of the high-frequency circuit element can be seen. In the configuration shown in Fig. 10, eight hairpin resonators 89a, 89b, 89c, 89d, 89e, 89f, 89g, 86h are used so as to form an eight-stage band pass filter. The structure of the other parts is the same as the conventional high-frequency circuit element shown in Figs 7 and 8 and will not be further described.

Please amend the paragraphs of page 7 starting on line 20 and ending on line 31 to read as follows:

As shown in Fig. 2, in a high-frequency circuit element of this embodiment, hairpin resonators 16a, 16b, 16c, 16d, 16e, 16f, 16g, 16h of a strip conductor pattern and input/output lines 17a, 17b are formed on the surface of the substrate 15 made of a dielectric monocrystal, or the like. The high-frequency circuit having a microstrip structure is fabricated from these hairpin resonators 16a, 16b, 16c, 16d, 16e, 16f, 16g, 16h, input/output lines 17a, 17b and a ground plane 18. This high-frequency circuit includes eight coupled hairpin resonators and functions as an eight-stage band pass filter.

Please amend the paragraphs of page 8 starting on line 6 and ending on line 11 to read as follows: